All meals for a dollar and other vertex enumeration problems

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Vertex Enumeration

Reverse Search

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Outline

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The decision variables are $x_1, x_2, ..., x_6$.

Fractional servings are allowed.

From Linear Programming, Vasek Chvátal, 1983

Linear programming formulation for diet problem

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s.t.
$$110x_1 + 205x_2 + 160x_3 + 160x_4 + 420x_5 + 260x_6 \ge 2000$$

$$4x_1 + 32x_2 + 13x_3 + 8x_4 + 4x_5 + 14x_6 \geq 55$$

$$2x_1 + 12x_2 + 54x_3 + 285x_4 + 22x_5 + 80x_6 \geq 800$$

$$0\leq x_1\leq 4,\quad 0\leq x_2\leq 3,\quad 0\leq x_3\leq 2,$$

$$0 \le x_4 \le 8, \quad 0 \le x_5 \le 2, \quad 0 \le x_6 \le 2$$

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- Where are the chicken, eggs and pork?
- Do I have to eat the same food every day?



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Problems with the solution

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Example in \mathbb{R}^3



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$$1 + x_1 + x_3 \ge 0$$

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$$- x_5 \ge 0$$

V-representation:

$$v_1 = (-1, 1, 0), v_2 = (-1, -1, 0), v_3 = (1, -1, 0),$$

 $v_4 = (1, 1, 0), v_5 = (0, 0, -1)$

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Ground states of a ternary fcc lattice model with nearest- and next-nearest-neighbor interactions

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The possible ground states of a ternary fcc lattice model with nearest- and next-nearest-neighbor pair interactions are investigated by constructing an eight-dimensional configuration polytope and enumerating its vertices. Although a structure could not be constructed for most of the vertices, 31 ternary ground states are found, some of which correspond to structures that have been observed experimentally.

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large problems. The drawback of the method is that many duplicates of the same vertex can be generated when degeneracy is present. While both methods successfully generated all vertices of the polytope, the double description method seems to be more appropriate for this computation because of the high degeneracy and moderate size of the inequality system. For larger systems, however, the reverse search method may become the only feasible agorithm for vertex enumeration.

III. RESULTS

The ground-state polytope we found is highly degenerate and consists of 446c vertices in the eightdimensional space spanned by the correlation functions. Some of the vertices found correspond to structures that can be transformed into each other by permutations of the A, B, and C species. If these are considered to be the same structure, the total number of distinct structures is



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• 32-core speedup of *plrs* on 1993 *mplrs*: about 140,000 times! (processor=110 × 1300=software)

More cores

Name	lrs	mplrs secs/efficiency						
	(mai20)	96 cores	128 cores	160 cores	192 cores	256 cores	312 cores	
c40	10002	329	247	203	179	134	129	
	1	.48	.48	.46	.44	(.44)	(.37)	
perm10	2381	115	94	85	96	64	61	
	1	.34	.31	.28	.20	(.23)	(.20)	
mit71	21920	686	516	412	350	231	205	
	1	.54	.54	.54	.53	(.60)	(.55)	
bv7	9040	302	229	184	158	98	88	
	1	.49	.49	.49	.47	(.57)	(.52)	
срб	1774681	56700	43455	34457	28634	18657	15995	
	1	.63	.62	.63	.63	(.72)	(.69)	

Table: efficiency = speedup/number of cores (*mai* cluster)

Even more cores ...

Name	mplrs							
	1 core	300 cores	600 cores	900 cores	1200 cores			
c40	17755	89	49	43	44			
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Input:

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Output:

$$\begin{array}{l} (1,2,3,4) \ (1,2,4,3) \ (1,3,2,4) \ (1,3,4,2) \ (1,4,2,3) \ (1,4,3,3) \\ (2,1,3,4) \ (2,1,4,3) \ (2,3,1,4) \ (2,3,4,1) \ (2,4,1,3) \ (2,4,3,1) \\ (3,1,2,4) \ (3,1,4,2) \ (3,2,1,4) \ (3,2,4,1) \ (3,4,1,2) \ (3,4,2,1) \\ (4,1,2,3) \ (4,1,3,2) \ (4,2,1,3) \ (4,2,3,1) \ (4,3,1,2) \ (4,3,2,1) \end{array}$$

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Example - Adjacency Oracle

$$\{\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_n\}$$
 is a permutation of $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$

$$Adj(\pi, i) = (\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_{i-1}, \pi_{i+1}, \pi_i, ..., \pi_n)$$
 for $i = 1, 2, ..., n - 1$.

Note: $\Delta = n - 1$



Example - Local Search

Let
$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_n)$$

Target: $(1, 2, ..., n)$
 $f(\pi) = (\pi_1, \pi_2, ..., \pi_{i-1}, \pi_{i+1}, \pi_i, ..., \pi_n)$

where *i* is the smallest index for which $\pi_i > \pi_{i+1}$.



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Example - Reverse Search Tree



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Reverse search for vertex enumeration-II

http://cgm.cs.mcgill.ca/ avis/C/Irs.html



(a) The "simplex tree" induced by the objective $(-\sum x_i)$.

(b) The corresponding reverse search tree.

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Extended Reverse Search - Pseudocode



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   while i < \Delta and d < maxd do
     i \leftarrow i + 1
     if f(Adj(v, j)) = v then
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                                                             forward step
         print v
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      end if
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   if v \neq v^* then
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      d \leftarrow d - 1
   end if
until (d = mind \text{ or } v = v^*) and i = \Delta
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Parallel Reverse Search - Pseudocode

```
Algorithm 3 parallelReverseSearch(v^*, \Delta, Adj, f, id, mt)
    num threads \leftarrow 0
                                                                 Phase 1
    redirect output to a list L
    extendedReverseSearch(v^*, \Delta, Adj, f, 0, id, 0)
    remove all v \in L with depth(v) < id and output v
    while L \neq \emptyset do
      if num threads < mt then
         remove any v \in L
                                                                 Phase 2
         num threads \leftarrow num_threads +1
         extendedReverseSearch(v, \Delta, Adj, f, depth(v), \infty, depth(v))
      end if
    end while
    while num threads > 0 do
      wait for termination signal
      if L \neq \emptyset then
         wait until a termination signal is received
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      else
         num threads \leftarrow num threads -1
                                                                 Phase 3
      end if
    end while
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plrs (Implemented by Gary Roumanis)

A portable parallel implementation of *Irs* derived from the parallel reverse search algorithm.

Architecture:

- Light C++ wrapper around *Irs*.
 - Leverage *lrs's* restart feature.
 - Use portable g++ compiler.
- Multi-producer and single consumer.
 - Producer threads traverse subtrees of the reverse search tree, appending nodes to a lock-free queue.
 - Consumer thread removes nodes from shared queue and concatenates to unified location.
- Leverage open source Boost library for atomic features.
 - Ensures portability, maintainability and strong performance.

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3 Phases: CPU utilization



Figure: Input file: mit, id = 6, cores=12
Estimates at depth 2: mit



Initial depth variation: mit



Figure: *id* = 3, *L* = 127, 124 secs



Figure: *id* = 6, *L* = 1213, 105 secs



Figure: *id* = 4, *L* = 284, 105 secs



Figure: id = 10, L = 7985, 125 secs

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